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Abstract (en)  
A tape cassette comprises a housing (1) and a pair of reels (4, 5) mounted for rotation and translation in the housing (1) so that the reels can assume either of first and second relative positions. A recording tape (T) is wound on the reels (4, 5) and extends therebetween for transport from one of the reels to the other. The housing is formed with a mouth (12) through which a transducer (61) can gain access to the recording tape (T) to record or reproduce signals on or from the recording tape (T). The reels (4, 5) in the first relative position conform to a first arrangement of a drive for driving the reels (4, 5) in rotation and afford a predetermined amount of space for accommodating the transducer (61) within the housing (1) for access to the recording tape (T) and in the second relative position correspond to a second arrangement of a drive for driving the reels (4, 5) in rotation and afford an additional amount of space for accommodating the transducer (61) within the housing (1) for access to the recording tape (T). The translation of the reels has a component parallel to a left-to-right direction of the housing as well as a front-to-rear direction of the housing, so that the reels in the second position are displaced towards the rear corners of the tape cassette. <IMAGE>

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